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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Name of proposal: DS/Adoption 15-008: PROGRAMMATIC LAKE AND STREAM
REHABILITATION

Description of current proposal: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is charged with dual roles of protecting natives species, while at the same time providing for public use and enjoyment of fish and wildlife under its jurisdiction. WDFW's Inland Fish Program reflects both aspects of the agency's mission and is deeply vested in managing inland fishing opportunities. In some cases, achievement of management objectives depends on the removal of fish species that directly compete with or prey upon stocked fish that are the primary management concern. In other cases, lake rehabilitations may be used for the protection of native species or the restoration of habitat, for a variety of both fish and wildlife species.

WDFW has successfully and safely operated a lake and stream rehabilitation program since 1940. Lake and stream rehabilitation treatments are carried out by the application of rotenone. This chemical is a piscicide that is registered with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for fish management use. WDFW proposes to adopt two Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (FSEISs) in creation of this Programmatic SEPA determination for the proposed action of rotenone discharge under the Draft Fisheries Resource Management National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES) General Permit that provides general coverage for the Lake and Stream Rehabilitation Program statewide. The Program is regulated by the NPDES permit, as authorized by the EPA and administered by the Washington Department of Ecology.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of current proposal: The Programmatic Lake and Stream Rehabilitation SEPA determination will apply to Washington lakes and streams statewide, where undesirable fish species are creating barriers to prioritized fish management goals and objectives or where certain types of habitat restoration are needed.

Titles and dates of documents being adopted:

1. Lake and Stream Rehabilitations, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, 1992-1993 (August 1992).
2. Lake and Stream Rehabilitation: Rotenone Use and Health Risks, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (January 2002).

Titles of documents being incorporated by reference:

1. Turner, Larry et al. 2007. Risk Assessment for Piscicidal Formulations of Rotenone. Compliance Services International, Lakewood, Washington. 104 pages.
2. Finlayson, Bryan et al. 2010. Planning and Standard Operating Procedures for the Use of Rotenone in Fish Management - Rotenone SOP Manual. American Fisheries Society, Bethesda, Maryland.
3. Finlayson, Brian et al. 2012. Rotenone Use in Fish Management and Parkinson's Disease: Another Look. Fisheries, 37:10. pp. 471-474.
4. WDFW Statewide Lake and Stream Rehabilitation Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (September 30, 2008).

Agency that prepared document being adopted: WDFW

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The entire contents of the Environmental Impact Statements.

If the document being adopted has been challenged, please describe: N/A

The documents are available to be read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building, Fifth floor.
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The adopted documents are also available for review online at:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html

Adoption of existing environmental document: WDFW has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. To meet the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), WDFW is adopting the documents described above. Under WAC 197-11-630, there will be no scoping process for this EIS. After independent review, WDFW has identified and adopted the documents as being appropriate for this proposal. The documents meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal.

Name of agency adopting the document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

This Determination of Significance/Adoption is issued under WAC 197-11-360. We will **not act on this proposal for 21 days** from the date of issue below. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 21 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on February 24, 2015**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal. You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

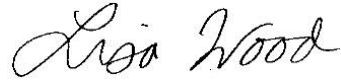
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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_final_docs_2015.html. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 3, 2015 **SIGNATURE:**

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